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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

IN RE:

Jointly Administered Under

Chapter 11 – Subchapter V

REMARKABLE HEATHCARE OF CARROLLTON LP; EIN: 5960 Case No: 23-42098-btr

REMARKABLE HEALTHCARE OF DALLAS, LP;

EIN: 3418

REMARKABLE HEALTHCARE OF FORT WORTH, LP;

EIN: 1692

REMARKABLE HEALTHCARE OF SEGUIN, LP;

EIN: 4566

REMARKABLE HEALTHCARE, LLC,

EIN: 5142

DEBTORS.

PATIENT CARE OMBUDSMAN FIRST REPORT Prestonwood (Carrollton) Location

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 333 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Code") and the court's December 5, 2023, Order Granting United States Trustee's <u>Unopposed Motion for Order Directing</u>
Appointment of Patient Care Ombudsman (the "Appointment Order") [Docket No. 57], Susan N.
Goodman was appointed to serve as the Patient Care Ombudsman ("PCO") for each of the four healthcare facility Debtors in these jointly administered cases.¹

¹ The Notice of Appointment of Patient Care Ombudsman (the "**Appointment Notice**") [Docket No. 58] was filed with the court the same date of the Appointment Order.

In the *United States Trustee's* <u>Unopposed</u> <u>Motion for Order Directing the Appointment of Patient Care</u> Ombudsman (the "Appointment Motion") [Docket No. 44], PCO was directed to monitor the care provided to patients/residents of the Debtors and report to the court no later than thirty (30) days after the lodging of the Appointment Order. The Appointment Notice included PCO's curriculum vitae and other supporting documentation to support her competence to serve as the PCO. These pleadings are incorporated by reference herein. Of note, while PCO's site visit is guided by the regulations/tools utilized by certifying agencies and auditors, PCO does not certify the Debtors' compliance with any state or federal licensure standards.

Shortly after the lodging of the Appointment Order and Appointment Notice, PCO engaged in initial site visits at each of the four Debtors' locations. PCO comes now and files her first report for the Remarkable Healthcare of Carrollton, LLP location ("Debtor," "Prestonwood").

SUMMARY

As mentioned in sister facility reports, the Prestonwood Debtor has the same facility layout as that of the Seguin and Fort Worth locations. With a total capacity of 120 licensed beds, Prestonwood had a census of sixty-two (62) on the date of PCO's site visit. On the date of PCO's visit, some leadership personnel were out including, without limitation the dietary manager, the plant operations director ("Plant Ops")², and the senior associate director of nursing ("Sr. ADON").

The Director of Nursing ("**DON**") for this building was reported as exiting July 2023, with interim coverage reported as being provided by the regional, corporate nursing director. The MDS Nurse role was also reported as vacant with interim coverage for this position provided through corporate, regional leadership. The Social Worker and Admissions team member roles were reported as recently filled. While a dietician was not available on the date of PCO's site visit, the Administrator/Chief Executive ("**CEO**") reported having a signed contract with a new dietician effective December 1, 2023.

² PCO was aware the District Director of Plant Operations would be absent from the facility as this individual covers both the Forth Worth and Prestonwood locations with Director oversight at the Dallas location. The Director also informed PCO that the quarterly fire alarm testing was occurring in follow-up to survey findings.

The CEO had been in her role for approximately one- and one-half years. The CEO stated she had continued, post-petition services from existing vendors relative to trash pick-up, food delivery, red-box (hazardous) waste removal, and shredding. Continued Medical Director professional support services were also confirmed. New vendor contracts and service engagement for clinical laboratory support and mobile x-ray services were reported. While the formal findings were not available for the most recent survey, the Plant Ops director had shared that a fire alarm vendor would be on site to perform preventative maintenance associated with one survey finding. PCO also noted the interim DON had scheduled a mandatory inservice for nursing staff to cover admissions, skilled charting, and care plan charting, likely also related to recent survey follow-up.

PCO spoke with the Assistant Director of Nursing ("ADON") during her site visit. The ADON reported being short one certified nursing assistant ("CNA") for each shift that day. Consistent with the other locations, however, clinical staff readily reported ongoing challenges with shift coverage, particularly for weekend coverage with CNAs reporting picking up some extra shifts with more shifts needing coverage than staff available to work extra shifts.

The dietary, housekeeping, and maintenance team members working on the day of PCO's site visit were predominately non-English speaking. While PCO spoke enough Spanish to engage in some discussion with these team members, her level of fluency precluded robust interaction. PCO noted similarities at this location to that of other Debtors' locations relative to modest housekeeping supplies, including paper products. PCO used the public restroom which was out of paper towels. Again, while paper products were available in the building, they weren't necessarily available at each sink location. However, these supply levels were reported as an improvement over shortages that existed pre-petition.

PCO noted the location had one functional washing machine out of three total units, utilizing cold water for washing linens. PCO noted that the October 2022 survey included a citation associated with insufficient linen availability. Because this citation would be categorized under a general, resident rights tag, PCO will monitor the posting of the current survey findings, once available, to see if the issue was recurring. PCO's understanding is that efforts are underway at this

and the other locations to improve the number of functioning water heaters supporting laundry services and parts have been ordered for washing machine repairs.

The importance of laundry service capacity and functionality at this location was further heightened by the fact that Prestonwood had ten COVID positive residents. The CEO reported having sufficient COVID tests for the required bi-weekly testing and personal protective equipment ("**PPE**") for direct staff caring for COVID positive residents. Residents were being cared for in their usual room versus moving positive residents to a specific quarantine area. Positive staff were also reported.

ANALYSIS AND NEXT STEPS

Like Debtors' other locations, Prestonwood seemed to have a great deal of pre-petition strain affecting supplies, preventative maintenance completion, and equipment repairs. While other locations also reported pre-petition staffing departures due to paycheck snafoos and lapsed insurance, the CEO at this location reported feeling she was in "a much better plan" for staffing now versus one year ago and attributed all staffing challenges to national healthcare dynamics.

PCO has some concern that the corporate DON will be listed as the Director of Nursing for the Seguin and Fort Worth locations in addition to this location. Fortunately, at the time of report filing, the CEO reported successful recruitment of a DON to this location with an anticipated start date at the end of January 2024. PCO will seek to clarify the plan for interim DON/ADON coverage across locations for early January, reserving the right to supplement this or other reports as needed.

While PCO did not note any immediate circumstances suggesting imminent negative post-petition bankruptcy impacts under 11 U.S.C. § 333(b), PCO also did not observe operational stability to a level that would support her limited engagement. As stated in the other location reports, PCO has significant concern that her role will add undue administrative burden to an already challenged financial situation. PCO has been open regarding these concerns to Debtors' counsel and the Subchapter V Trustee, hoping that her candor would facilitate productive discussions amongst the various constituencies that move in a direction that focuses financial

resources on staffing, equipment repair, and similar needs to the benefit of residents. Because continued staffing strain was cited as the reason for management departures at other locations, PCO will be most interested in monitoring staffing and replacement of nursing/clinical roles at this and the other locations.

DATED: January 2, 2024. By: <u>/s/ Susan N. Goodman</u>, TX Bar 24117585

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing document was served through the court's electronic notification system as permitted by Appendix 5005 of the Local Rules of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas on the 2nd of December 2024, with a copy for posting at the Debtor location. Further, a copy of the pleading filed at Docket No. 72 was mailed, USPS Regular Mail, to the following, top 30 creditors (combined) with the filing of the first location report.

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